

Spirited Convention Maps Ambitious Plans

The President's Message

As I send my congratulations to the thirtieth anniversary convention of your American ORT Federation, I also want to join with you in honoring Senator Herbert H. Lehman for his contribution to human rehabilitation and reconstruction the world over.

His devotion to the cause of helping people train themselves to be useful citizens in whatever country they are living has been clear throughout his public career, not only in his work with ORT to help displaced and needy Jews to a dignified livelihood but his wider service for all men everywhere.

I understand that the American Organization for Rehabilitation through Training now is operating vocational training programs in the countries of western Europe, North Africa and the Near East. Your past results have been remarkable and I offer my best wishes for your future success.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

From the President-elect

The ORT's program of rehabilitation is spiritually and economically in the best American tradition. It is the concern we have in our hearts for our fellow men in other countries that will engender reciprocity and eventually weld us together in a community of nations living in peace. Pending that eventuality, the economic aspects of your work are of political significance: a strengthened and expanded European industry is a weapon in the hands of the free world against the communist conspiracy. By helping provide a source of skilled workers, ORT contributes greatly to this task.

The fact that a private organization like yours removes some of the load from the shoulders of government is to me very reassuring.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

The national convention of the American ORT Federation in October brought to a successful conclusion three decades of ORT in the United States, and inaugurated the new period in high spirits of hope and enthusiasm.

Seven hundred people jammed the main session to see Senator Herbert H. Lehman, newly elected Honorary President of the World ORT Union, receive the ORT Merit Award from Dr. William Haber, American ORT Federation president. David Rosenstein, convention co-chairman, presided.

Senator and Mrs. Lehman were greeted with a sustained ovation. Their



Dr. Haber presents ORT Award to Senator Lehman

entrance into the hall was the occasion for a demonstration of the unanimous affection of the convention.

Accepting the award, Senator Lehman paid his respects to ORT, declaring that the vocational schools in 19 countries were contributing to the same objectives as the government's Point IV program. He described his own intimate association with ORT for the past 30 years. Additional color was given the occasion by a delegation from the Cake Bakers' Union, which presented the Senator with a three-tiered cake, one for each decade of his ORT work.

Dr. Haber set the theme for the fourth American decade of AOF by urging abandonment of the "crisis psychology" created by the tragic events of recent decades, and urged an outlook of "normal" planning to meet the challenge of Israel's construction and the cultural and economic revivification of the half million "rediscovered" Jews of North Africa and Iran.

A crucial development in the financing of the Israel ORT operation was announced. The delegates were informed that the Joint Distribution Committee has accepted the principle of including financial support to ORT

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CHAIM WEIZMANN

The American ORT Federation shares the sorrow of Jews everywhere, and of all free men, at the death of Chaim Weizmann. He was the master architect of Israel's long struggle for independence. Humanist, scientist, statesman, he was one of the giants of our day. Dr. Weizmann was in all ways the peerless leader, the unequalled and unchallenged symbol of a modern and free Israel as a cornerstone of democracy in the Middle East. He rallied to this ideal a host of diverse forces, harnessing world-wide energies for unity and construction of the new nation. He encouraged the establishment of the ORT vocational network and followed its progress as a friend. The task before us is to make secure and permanent the foundations fathered by Chaim Weizmann. His work is enshrined in history.

Convention . . .

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in Israel beginning with 1953. The Israeli ORT program will be treated as part of the total World ORT program and its budget will be given equal consideration with all other national ORT networks.

Treasurer Alexander Dolowitz announced that \$10,000,000 had been sent overseas by AOF since the end of the war. In the past six years, more than \$8,000,000 had been received through the annual agreements with JDC. The Resolutions Committee, chaired by Julius Hochman, presented a policy resolution expressing the view that these results fully validated the Federation's policy of ORT financing through arrangements with JDC.

Held's Address

High point of the Sunday luncheon session was an address by Adolph Held, president of American Labor ORT and a member of the Presidium of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. Mr. Held stated that funds paid by Western Germany would assist many of the victims of Hitlerism and help Israel in its economic upbuilding.

Avraham Harman, Counsel to the Israel Embassy, extended his country's greetings and advocated expansion of vocational training to increase rapidly the number of skilled workers. Max Spitz spoke as a member of the Israel ORT Committee.

Representative Emanuel Celler, New York Congressman and member of the ORT Congressional Committee, told the delegates: "In Iran, in Moslem North Africa, Jews have huddled in the ghettos, feeding for centuries only on the strength of Judaism. They are no longer forgotten. ORT will not let us forget."

WAO Expansion

Mrs. Ludwig Kaphan told the delegates of the great strides made by Women's American ORT in the last three years. Current enrollment is 30,000, organized into 161 chapters located in 16 states and the District of Columbia. The progress made by American Labor ORT was reported to the Convention by Louis Hollander, chairman of the New York State CIO, who observed that "all labor organizations, CIO and AFL join in support of ORT's program." The labor delegation, representing 46 international and local unions, was led by Adolph Held. Abraham C. Litton reported on the functioning of the American and European Friends of ORT, with particular emphasis on the New York schools for the training of immigrants. Reports were also received from M. Maldwin Fertig on the National ORT League; Mr. Nathan Dechter on Young Men's and Women's ORT; and from a number of chapters directly affiliated with AOF.

Joseph Tuvim, reporting for the Credentials Committee, recorded a

ISRAEL GRADUATES

Diplomas as qualified technicians in their respective skills were given to 574 ORT students after the most recent final examinations several months ago. The graduates are already employed in workshops and factories throughout the country, bringing to their jobs advanced knowledge of the latest developments in machines and efficiency practices.

representation of 324 accredited delegates.

The message of Dr. Syngalowski, chairman of the WOU Executive Committee proved an inspired summary of the convention: "All those who work for ORT can have the satisfying conviction that what ORT is offering to Jews will last for generations, exert a beneficial influence on the character of Jewish life and promote the regard for Jews throughout the world. May your convention provide a mighty impulse toward broadening the ORT idea among Jews in the United States."

New Officers

The following officers were elected: Dr. William Haber, president; George Backer, honorary president; Herbert H. Lehman, chairman of the Advisory Committee; Mark Carter, Adolph Held, Mrs. Ludwig Kaphan and William R. Sinkin, vice-presidents; Joseph Weinberg, secretary; Alexander Dolowitz, treasurer.

Los Angeles Luncheon



Community leaders at Los Angeles luncheon addressed by Dr. Haber. Left to right: Jerome Posner, Manager of the local ACWA Joint Board; Isidore Stenzor, Manager ILGWU Joint Board; Chaim Shapiro, veteran ORT leader; Ben Solnit, AOF Board member and vice-president of the L.A. Federation of Jewish Welfare Organizations; Mrs. Mark Carter; Mark Carter, AOF Board member and chairman of the Organizations Division of the United Jewish Welfare Fund; Dr. Haber; Mrs. Abrasha Haimson, WAO vice-president; Mrs. Samuel Lifton, president Southern California Region WAO; Samuel Lifton; Kurt Laemmle, ORT leader.

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Senator Lehman Records Thirty Years of American ORT Growth

On this page we present excerpts from Sen. Lehman's address accepting the ORT Award.

I am awfully happy to be here tonight. I spoke earlier this evening, just before I came here, at a very great meeting in Brooklyn. I left before the President was able to speak, in order to keep my engagement here. But I apologized for leaving before his speech, and he told me that he was very happy indeed that I was coming to this dinner. I also want to thank very sincerely Cake Bakers Union Local 51 for this beautiful cake.

Professor Haber, you said something about my interest in rehabilitation having been evidenced by my leadership in UNRRA. You are so right in that. UNRRA, which was the first great operating international organization, fed, I think, five hundred million people and probably saved them from starvation or great suffering. But I have always felt that the greatest contribution that UNRRA made—a contribution that advanced the peace of the world, the prosperity of the world—was in its work in rehabilitation.

It was simple work. UNRRA could not possibly do the complicated work that has been done by many other organizations, including ORT. But UNRRA did do a tremendous amount of work in rehabilitation. And I have always felt that the work we did along those lines in many of the countries either delayed or prevented the spread of Communism.

Growth of An Idea

Long before UNRRA, I was interested in the work of ORT. When I was in Paris just two months ago, I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Syngalowski and talking with him. I have been connected with ORT ever since its inception. That is about thirty years, I think. I have seen it grow. It started small, it started weak, it started without experience, it started without anything but a philosophy. It did have a philosophy, even in those days. I have seen it develop, so that today it is operating, I believe, in more than sixteen countries of Europe and Africa and the Middle East.



Herbert H. Lehman addressing AOF Convention

I know of its work, at least in some degree, from personal observation. Two years ago, when Mrs. Lehman and I were in Paris, we visited the ORT school there. Then we went to Israel. We visited the ORT school in Jerusalem. It was small at that time, but I am told that it has grown very greatly since then. Even at that time, however, it was a fine school. It has grown since then to a school of four or five or six hundred pupils. I have been told, and it came to me as a surprise that today there are sixteen ORT schools in Israel. That is something, of course, that must have developed in the last two or three years.

I know that in Italy the work of ORT has progressed for a very long time, first as a training center for the displaced persons who were being given the opportunity of emigrating to other countries. Today, I believe, it is serving as a training center for the Jews who are indigenous and expect to remain in Italy.

In Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Iran, the ORT runs fine schools. I had the opportunity of visiting some of these countries during the war. I visited some of the schools there. ORT was pretty small at that time, and the Alliance Israelite was doing most of the education work among the Jews of Morocco and Tunisia. But I saw the tremendous need for education, in these countries. They don't have a chance of obtaining it, save through

organizations like the ORT and the Alliance Israelite.

I have also been greatly impressed by the fact that the work of ORT is not exclusively sectarian. I know, of course, that most of the young men and women, the boys and girls, are Jewish, but I also know that the schools of North Africa and the Middle East train boys and girls of other faiths, too. I understand that in Tunis the chief prize-winner was an Arab. And that is a fine thing. It cannot help but pay off in dividends in terms of good will and understanding.

There is one point that I want to emphasize here tonight above all others. It is a matter which has always been very clear in my own mind and which I have urged on our government: the employment of voluntary agencies in our Point Four program, in the technical assistance programs both of the United States Government and of the United Nations.

ORT and Point Four

I believe with all my heart in what we are doing in the Point Four program. I believe that we are not going to win world peace merely by the force of arms—although, as you know, I feel that we have to remain strong, and I have urged that on my colleagues in Congress and on the people of the United States. But military strength alone is not going to insure lasting security and world peace. We have to gain the friendship, we have to gain the confidence, of the people of the world before we can consider ourselves safe.

I think that, on the whole, the Point Four program is being well conducted. But I believe that it could be accelerated and could be strengthened by the use of voluntary agencies to a far greater extent than is now the case.

I think that ORT has a great opportunity there. And I can assure you that, while I am in Washington, I am going to continue to urge the utilization of voluntary agencies to the greatest extent possible in our work of advancing the well-being of what we call the "backward" countries.

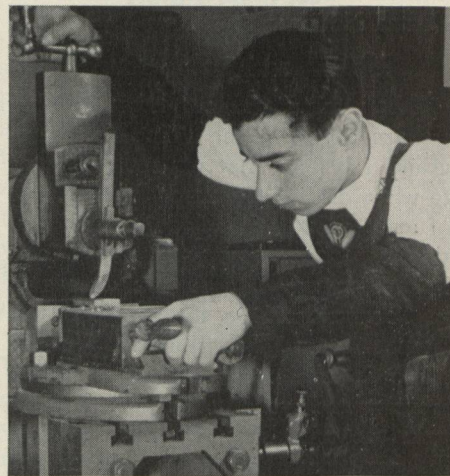
I want to tell you again how thankful I am to you, Professor Haber, and to you, Mr. Rosenstein, and to all of you, for the honor which you have paid me and for the very friendly reception which you have given me.

Dr. Haber Sets Guiding Theme for Extension of World Wide Services

Main sections of Dr. Haber's keynote address to the AOF convention.

The crisis period in ORT has come to an end. Don't misunderstand me: I do not mean to imply that ORT does not have a healthy number of crises right now, one of which I shall refer to before we are through.

ORT has problems and will always have crises. But what I mean to say is that the psychology under which we operate has to cease being the psychology of crisis. ORT is now in its normal operations—and its normal operations in 1952 have a totally different geography from previous operations. It is the geography of Israel, the geography of North Africa, the geography



Student in a North African ORT school

of Iran, the geography of the revived Jewish communities — much smaller, much less significant in numbers and influence—in Western and Southern Europe. It is a normal geography for us now.

I wish I had time to review with you what some of us saw who took the trip last summer to Israel and North Africa and Italy and France. Those of us who went to some or all of these places—Mrs. Kaphan, myself, a good number of members of the Women's American ORT, and some of our other officers—saw ORT in its true environment.

What we saw in North Africa, for example, both frightened and challenged us. It challenged us because we saw a half-million newly discovered Jews living on top of a volcano of

Arab nationalism which was likely to erupt at any moment; living under conditions which in many instances we would describe as a high standard of living for cattle; with a degree of insecurity which no American can imagine.

Effect on People

ORT has entered that picture. What impressed me about ORT in North Africa is not the schools themselves or the teaching of a trade, but that each school is symbolic for the cultural regeneration of Jewish life in that area. It affects, not only the young men and women who go to the school—that is a revolution in itself—but it sets a certain tone and revolutionizes the vision, the views and the objectives of the thousands of Jewish boys and girls who do not go to the school. For the first time in their lives they see possibilities of education, of study, of a trade, of an occupation, perhaps of a profession.

In other words, the contribution ORT has made in Tunis and Casablanca cannot be measured by one school or two schools or by five hundred students or five thousand students. It is a contribution which is culturally a revolution in this "forgotten" segment of Jewish life. It is of significance not alone for the economy of these people; it is of significance for the environment in which they live. Yet, we are barely scratching the surface in North Africa.

Adaptable Program

One of the significant things about ORT is its flexibility. It shifts from Eastern Europe, where it was born as an ideal among a handful of intellectuals; to postwar Germany, where it became the center and hope of rededication and dignity for thousands and thousands of D.P.'s; to North Africa, where it became an escape and a vision for people who have lived for centuries in darkness; to Israel, without which the economic progress would be checked for decades—for Israel is a country, as the gentleman from the Israeli Consulate said last night, of raw manpower.

That gentleman told you that only one per cent of the immigrants ever had any experience in agriculture; that an infinitesimal proportion of the immigrants have had any kind of occupational experience at all. ORT, then, is operating in an area where the need is unlimited. It is operating with funds which are highly restricted in amount, and with crises which are perennial.

Government's View

What I say about our work in Israel is not the personal opinion of one of your officers. It is, I believe, the honest and candid view of the responsible government officials of that country. When I was there this summer, I discussed this problem—without any protocol—with the Prime Minister, Mr. Ben-Gurion, and with Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labor, and with the late and revered Eliezer Kaplan, the Minister of Finance. We talked about the *tachles* of the ORT problem in Israel—the difficulties.

While we found no formula to solve the difficulties—they didn't present me with a certified check on an American bank to meet the budget—they did say without any hesitation what vocational

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HABER AT UJA PARLEY

Dr. William Haber appeared as a featured speaker on a panel of experts concerned with problems of Israel's economic construction, sponsored by the national conference of the United Israel Appeal in New York, November 9th. Appearing with Dr. Haber were Oscar Gass, economic consultant to Israel; Charles Abrams, housing authority; Louis Bean, U. S. Department of Agriculture staff expert; and Dr. Charles E. Kellogg, soil expert of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. UJA is the largest beneficiary of the national United Jewish Appeal.

Dr. Haber opened the discussion of the planning session with a report on the problem of immigrant absorption. He pointed out that no other nation has ever faced a problem of such dimension in so brief a period of time. He termed vocational training as "perhaps the decisive method for creating an effectively useful labor force." He warned that new capital equipment and factories will not in themselves create economic strength without full development of the potential talents of the people.

"The Lesson of Three Decades"--N. Chanin

Parts of Nathan Chanin's convention address, in Yiddish, have been translated and are reproduced below.

When I speak in the name of the Workmen's Circle, which I represent here today, I am reminded of a day in 1922 when Dr. Bramson and Dr. Syngalowski came to America. It was the Workmen's Circle that first opened its doors in welcome. The Workmen's Circle gave them a desk and an office so they would have a place to think and plan. I am happy to recall that the first home of ORT on this continent was with us.

When I visited Europe in 1928 I saw for myself the ORT trade schools in Poland. I visited Soviet Russia on this trip, and saw the condition of the declassed Jews. An agreement was reached with Soviet Russia whereby ORT settled hundreds of Jews on farms.

ORT Meets Needs

I went to Europe late in 1945. The Jews were in the camps. ORT opened schools in the camps. In a matter of weeks ORT also was operating in France, in Switzerland, and taking care of Jews who were getting out of Germany. The more I saw, the prouder I was that in 1922 the Workmen's Circle was the first organization that gave ORT an American shelter and gave it the opportunity to organize and start the strong and many branched organization it is today.

In 1951, I visited France and saw how the work of ORT had grown. I came to Israel and saw what ORT had achieved. I was familiar with the great difficulties that ORT faced in order to begin operations in Israel. I spoke with many of the most important members of the Histadrut in Israel, the same people who had feared duplication of their work by ORT. And with what respect they speak of the ORT work there now.

The lesson of three decades, and journeys to many lands, that I should like to transmit to the delegates to this convention, is of ORT as a great and living practice, and not merely as a social idea.

Events at the Convention

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Invocation Rev. Dr. WILLIAM F. ROSENBLUM

Dinner Session

DAVID ROSENSTEIN, Presiding

Welcome to Delegates DAVID ROSENSTEIN

Address GEORGE BACKER

Address MAX SPITZ

Presentation of ORT Award by Dr. WILLIAM HABER

Response SENATOR HERBERT H. LEHMAN

Greetings from Israel AVRAHAM HARMAN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Morning Session

DR. WILLIAM HABER, presiding

Reports:

Credentials—JOSEPH TUVIM

Financial—ALEXANDER DOLOWITZ

Women's American ORT—Mrs. LUDWIG KAPHAN.

American Labor ORT—LOUIS HOLLANDER.

Young Men's and Women's ORT—NATHAN DECHTER.

National ORT League—Hon. M. MALDWIN FERTIG.

American and European Friends of ORT—ABRAHAM C. LITTON.

Greetings from Canadian ORT LEON CRESTOHL, M.P.

Workmen's Circle Greetings NATHAN CHANIN

Keynote Address Dr. WILLIAM HABER

Luncheon Session

Addresses Rep. EMANUEL CELLER
ADOLPH HELD

Afternoon Session

Committee Reports:

Resolutions—JULIUS HOCHMAN

Constitution—JOHN F. DAVIDSON

Nominations—DAVID ROSENSTEIN
ELECTIONS

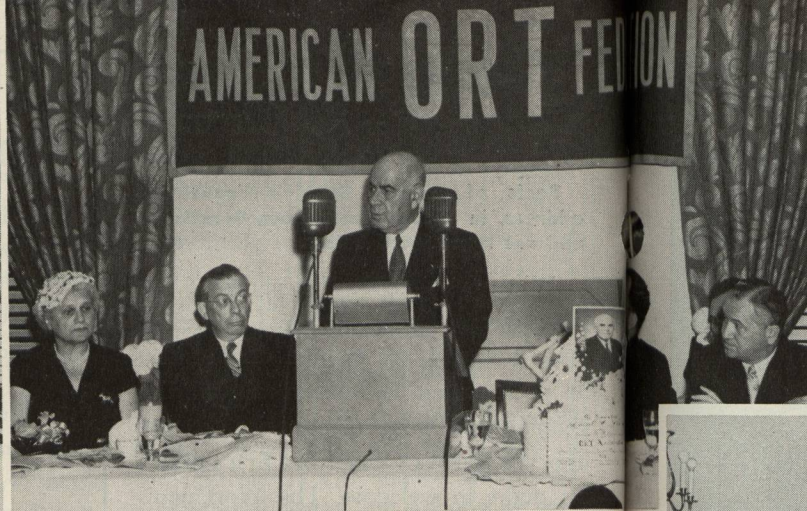


The South American ORT Federation held its first continent-wide conference in twelve years last September in the city of Buenos Aires. Newly elected officers are, left to right: David Hirsch, associate treasurer and member of the executive committee, Argentina; Simon Mirelman, vice-president, Argentina; Jacob M. Wengrower, vice-president of the Federation and chairman of the Executive Committee, Argentina; Samuel Kobrin, president, Uruguay; Jacobo Saslavsky, treasurer, Argentina; Moises Fleischman, trustee, Uruguay; Moises Silberman, secretary, Uruguay. The committees of the Federation also have representatives from Brazil, Chile, Peru and Bolivia.

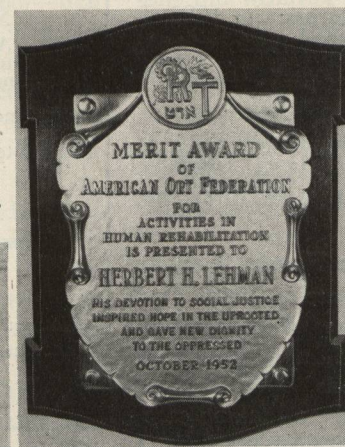


View of dais. Judge Edgar J. Nathan Jr.; Mark Carter; Avraham Harman, Counselor to the Israeli Embassy; Julius Hochman, ILGWU vice-president; Philip Kaiser, Ass't U.S. Sec'y of Labor; Dr. William Haber, A.O.F. president; David Rosenstein, convention co-chairman; Paul Bernick, AOF executive sec'y; Bernhard Kahn, J.D.C. vice-president; Leon Crestohl, Canadian ORT Federation president; A. C. Litton, American and European Friends of ORT president; Max Spitz, Israeli ORT Committee.

The silver plaque that was presented to Senator Lehman.



Senator Lehman addressing dinner session. Left to right: Lehman; David Rosenstein; Senator Herbert H. Lehman; William Haber; Leon Crestohl. Cake was presented Bakers' Local 51.



... at the convention of American Ort Federation



Sunday afternoon session which adopted policy and resolutions statements. Left to right; Mark Carter, AOF vice-president; Adolph Held, AOF vice-president; David Rosenstein; Dr. William Haber; Paul Bernick; Alexander Dolowitz, AOF treasurer.



Congressman Emanuel Celler speaks at Sunday luncheon. To his right is Hon. M. Maldwin Fertig, National ORT League president.



Left to right: George Backer, AOF Honorary President; Sen. Lehman; Dr. Haber; Julius Hochman.



New York's Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri receives ORT representatives. Left to right: George J. Mintzer, AOF convention co-chairman; Mrs. Gustave Gettenberg, WAO convention co-chairman; Mr. Impellitteri; Mrs. Ludwig Kaphan, WAO national president; and David Rosenstein.

German Agreements Will Aid Reconstruction of Jewish Life

Adolph Held, national chairman of American Labor ORT, highlighted the Sunday luncheon session of the convention with an informative and stirring report on the negotiations with the Adenauer government which were recently terminated with high success by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. Mr. Held served as a member of the five-man presidium that determined the strategy the Conference pursued with the Bonn regime.

Conference Aims

Besides the negotiations conducted by the Conference, which represented 23 community organizations, Mr. Held also described the discussions conducted by the State of Israel which resulted in West Germany's agreement to pay Israel \$715,000,000 over a period of 12 years as the cost of resettling 500,000 Jewish victims of Nazism in that country.

The Conference was originally convened to support Israel's claim against Germany. It determined, however, not to limit its function exclusively to support of the Israel stand, but would fight for the rights of individuals to receive compensation, and also presented a bill to Germany in the name of the Conference for the property which had been taken away from Jews and for which there are no survivors.

This was a bold concept. It was the first time in the history of diplomacy that such an idea had been put forward. After much deliberation, the Bonn government recognized this claim and agreed to a settlement of \$107,000,000.

Individual Compensation

The Germans also signed a convention undertaking to introduce laws in the next session of the Bundestag which would give every individual who had suffered in any country occupied by Germany, with the exception of Austria, the right to sue for compensation for time spent in a concentration camp, for the death of a close relative, due to German activities, for

the loss of a job and the opportunity to earn a living, and, of course, for the right to collect for property that had been confiscated. Conference analysts believe that this will come to about one billion dollars.

Mr. Held summarized the three settlements in these figures: Israel to receive \$715,000,000; individuals, approximately one billion dollars; Conference, \$107,000,000. The Conference is to receive its funds through Israel, also over a period of twelve years.

How It Will Work

As an example of what these results mean materially, Mr. Held told the delegates that the first payment to Israel will be in oil bought with pounds Germany has accumulated in England. The British government has agreed to allow purchase of this oil and the first deliveries are expected in a few months.

The Conference has now incorporated as an organization which will have the authority to decide on disbursement of the monies it will receive an-



Adolph Held at AOF Convention.

nually. In order to live up to the terms of its agreement, the Conference will have to scrutinize carefully the kind of work to which sums are allocated. No new agencies will be created for rehabilitation, reconstruction and resettlement work. Instead the Conference intends to operate through existing agencies.

"I'm confident that when the ORT story is presented to the Conference, it will receive the fullest consideration," said Mr. Held.

Dr. Haber Sets Guiding Theme . . .

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training means in the economic development of the country and what ORT means in the vocational training program in Israel.

In brief, we are now on solid ground. The transition period is over. ORT is operating in places where its work is absolutely necessary, not alone for the life of the people, but for the life of the countries in which the people live.

In our objective of supporting the ORT program, we have operated under very definite limitations. Our contract with JDC provided direct support for the programs in Europe, Iran, North Africa. And, since the JDC did not underwrite directly our ORT work in Israel, our ORT funds for Israel came from South Africa, came from Canada, came from other spots all over the world where we could raise them; and came to a very large extent from the devoted and loyal work of the Women's American ORT in this coun-

try. These funds were never enough, and we operated under a cloak, so to speak, chafing under the arrangements and yet recognizing that on the whole they were advantageous and that we did not want to break them.

New JDC Arrangement

I am, therefore, delighted to report that we were able to receive from the JDC, in conferences which began early this year and which were concluded in May, acceptance in principle of the idea that, in the 1953 arrangements with the JDC, the total ORT budget will be examined, including the budget for Israel. That represents a recognition on the part of the Jewish community of the artificial character of the earlier restrictions.

I am hopeful and certain that the results of those discussions will provide a more solid base than we have had so far to support our significant operations in Israel.

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Israel Spokesman Urges "Occupational Revolution"

Selections from speech by Avraham Harman, Counselor to Israel Embassy.

Professor Haber referred to Senator Lehman as an institution of America. I should like to add, if I may, that we people in Israel regard Senator Lehman as one of the great international liberating institutions of our generation.

Rebirth of a People

May I say just one word in relation to your slogan of rehabilitation. We in Israel have a slogan which says: "We come to Israel to build the land, and ourselves to be rebuilt in it." The essential characteristic of all the work that is being done in Israel is rehabilitation—the rehabilitation of a land and the rehabilitation of a people.

In two vital respects, we in Israel owe a debt of gratitude to your organization—to ORT. Firstly, very many of our immigrants from Europe have the benefit of ORT education prior to their coming to our country. And we have seen fully demonstrated in the daily life of Israel to what degree ORT

vocational preparation in the various European countries and, more recently, in North Africa, has made it possible for these immigrants to make an effective contribution toward the economic rehabilitation of our land. Secondly, you have in recent years started a vocational program in Israel itself.

I don't want to weary you with statistics, but I think that you will be able to appraise the enormous size of that job if I tell you that, of the 700,000 immigrants who have come to Israel in the last four and a half years, less than one per cent have had any previous experience in agricultural occupations, and that very few indeed, less than ten per cent, have had any previous qualifications or experience in manual crafts.

Unhealthy Situation

Clearly, no normal or healthy nation can tolerate the continuation of a situation of that kind, and the execution of Israel's economic policies has therefore been based on the conviction that we must, as soon as we

possibly can, bring about an occupational revolution.

In helping us to achieve that vocational revolution as an indispensable prerequisite to the economic rehabilitation of our country, you in ORT have made a significant contribution, and on this occasion I should merely like to affirm our hope and conviction that at this convention there will be renewed those policies which, in the years ahead will lead to the strengthening and consolidation of the valuable work which is already to your credit in Israel and which we in Israel appreciate so much.

NEW ALO BRANCH

With the warm cooperation of Mark Carter, AOF vice-president, and Samuel Otto, of the American Labor ORT executive board, a new Los Angeles chapter of the ALO has been organized by Samuel Milman, ALO executive secretary.

Officers of the new group are: president, John Ulene, manager of the Sportswear Joint Council, ILGWU; first vice-president, Jerome Posner, manager of the Los Angeles Amalgamated Joint Board; second vice-president, Joshua Farber, secretary of the Workmen's Circle District Committee; treasurer, Isidore Stenzor, manager of the Los Angeles ILGWU Joint Board. Elected to the Executive Board were: Sigmund Arywitz, local ILGWU educational director; Mrs. Fanny Borax, manager of the Dress Joint Board; Basil Feinberg, ILGWU attorney; Lucy and Harry Lang; and Meyer Weintraub, California director of the Workmen's Circle.

At the most recent meeting, Mr. Weintraub was elected secretary, succeeding the late Julius Levitt. Mr. Weintraub is one of the best known local community leaders and has just been appointed Los Angeles Manager of the Jewish Daily Forward. In his first report to the ALO national office, he wrote optimistically about prospects for extending membership and activities.

George Backer Hails Accomplishments

I have an idea that an Honorary President should, in some way or other, reminisce a bit about the past—about the days of his own glory. But everything seems to be too vital here; the accomplishments of Professor Haber and the administration that succeeded mine are so great that I am a little overwhelmed.

I was going to say that I think of ORT as my child—except that it is a little bit older than I am, and I can only say it in the sense that the younger Dumas said, "My father was the child I had when I was young." In that sense, I feel that the ORT is a child

It has grown enormously lusty and it has taken an organizational being which I deeply wish could be seen by some of our dear friends who are no longer with us—Louis Boudin, Dr. Lvovitch, the men whose child ORT really was.

Fellowship of Ideals

But I have learned one thing in my short time of retirement, and that is that ORT is more than an institution or an idea; it is a fellowship of people from which you can never withdraw. It holds you, I think, all the days of your life. And in the time in which we live, in the stresses and the strains and the agonies of a half-century, which must in the light of history seem almost the terminal time of a civilization, it is good to know that the decency in men and women can be gathered together for a cause which can yet make true on this earth the ideals of human brotherhood.



George Backer

—and I have that same feeling of pride and joy in its accomplishment.



WOMEN'S AMERICAN ORT NATIONAL CONVENTION

1,200 delegates and alternates assembled at the Waldorf-Astoria for the Silver Jubilee Convention of Women's American ORT.

1. Luncheon session honoring a number of regional presidents. Left to right: Mrs. Louis Grodsky; Israeli visitor; Mrs. Oved Ben-Ami, wife of the mayor of Nathanya, Israel; Mrs. David Lockshin; Mrs. Henry Earle; Mrs. Hyman Zimel; Mrs. Ludwig Kaphan; Mrs. H. D. Cheifetz; Mrs. Gustave Gettenberg; Mrs. Roscoe Springer; Mrs. Samuel Lifton; Mrs. I. J. Sarfatty; and Mrs. Isador Simon.

2. WAO national president, Mrs. Ludwig Kaphan, accepts scroll of Special Merit from Dr. Haber.

3. Philip Kaiser, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Labor, addressing delegates on "Labor and Point Four."

4. Former Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas speaking at the final meeting of the four day convention.

5. Dr. Haber presents the WAO with a bronze plaque in recognition of "exemplary contributions to Jewish reconstruction."



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CONVENTION GREETINGS

Please accept behalf of myself and government of Israel, very best wishes for the success of ORT national convention. The expansion of vocational training facilities which will provide skilled workers for Israel's growing economy and help to absorb scores of newcomers is a task of the utmost urgency. Am confident that ORT which has already done remarkably in this field will continue with renewed vigor in its important work for Israel and the Jewish people.

ABBA EBAN
Israel Ambassador

On behalf of the people of New York, I tender warmest congratulations upon the strides made by your wonderful organizations. The work has brought fruit in the improved conditions and increased happiness for thousands. . . . The schools are of profound value not only to their immediate beneficiaries but to the world at large.

All honor to the understanding minds and hearts that first conceived the idea of an organization for rehabilitation through training, as well as to those who have carried out that noble idea with such fidelity and human kindness. They deserve the support and heartfelt gratitude of all people.

THOMAS E. DEWEY
Governor

In Europe, in North Africa, in Moslem countries and now in Israel, ORT holds out hope for the future to many whose lives were drastically altered by recent history. I am happy that in recent years the United Jewish Appeal has had a share in the furtherance of your work through its support of the Joint Distribution Committee, which has allocated a part of its UJA proceeds to the ORT. On behalf of the UJA, I want to express a most earnest interest in the deliberations of this conference, and every wish for its success.

JOSEPH J. SCHWARTZ
Executive Vice-Chairman

From my own experience, I can testify to the outstanding work being carried on by ORT on behalf of needy Jews overseas. Just a year ago I visited the ORT school in Casablanca, and it was a heartwarming sight to see the boys and girls who had been taken out of the squalid mellah and been given an opportunity to prepare for a decent life.

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the Joint Distribution Committee I welcome this opportunity to greet you. May your work on behalf of needy Jews abroad continue to grow and prosper.

MOSES A. LEAVITT
Executive Vice-Chairman

I welcome this opportunity to express appreciation for the accomplishments of the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training. . . . This type of activity is in line with the Point Four Program of overseas technical assistance which is so basic to the foreign policy of the United States.

WAYNE MORSE
United States Senate

(In the passing of William Green and Philip Murray, ORT lost two warm friends. We mourn the deaths of these great Americans. Portions of their last messages to ORT follow.)

The Congress of Industrial Organizations sends its fraternal greetings to the ORT Convention. In teaching trades and providing technical education to thousands of Jewish young men and women all over the globe the ORT is not only performing a useful work, it is also performing an act of great humanity. . . . We in the labor movement appreciate how closely the aims which inspire ORT are equally our own.

PHILIP MURRAY
President

OTHER GREETINGS

Over 100 messages were received from leaders in world and national affairs, and community organizations, including Eleanor Roosevelt, Trygve Lie, Ralph Bunche, Alben W. Barkley, John W. Sparkman, Ambassador Ernest A. Gross, Benjamin V. Cohen, Isador Lubin, George Meany, James B. Carey, Alex Rose, Louis Lipsky, Julian Freeman, Joseph Blaustein, Frank Goldman. Space does not permit publication of more than a few.

As you know, the American Federation of Labor has consistently supported the work of your organization, which seeks to rehabilitate the victims of racial and religious oppression in training in productive endeavors. Permit me to extend my congratulations on the achievements of your organization in three decades of constructive community activity. Your great work merits the enthusiastic support of peace-loving and freedom-loving people of all faiths.

WILLIAM GREEN
President

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Dr. William Haber	Hon. Edgar J. Nathan, Jr.	

Sessions Adopt Broad Program for ORT Progress

Working in a spirit of constructive enthusiasm, AOF Convention delegates adopted a series of resolutions and policy statements, which, taken together, constitute a program of detailed aims and plans for further progress.

On the central problem of financial assistance to the nineteen-nation program, recognition was made of the advantages to the community, and to ORT, of the annually renewed agreements with the JDC. It was decided to continue the present fiscal policy "so long as ORT's vital overseas functions can be adequately provided for through the process of agreement."

Support UJA

An optimum effort on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal campaigns will be made by all ORT members and organizations. Warm appreciation was expressed for the aid and cooperation of the JDC, and the principle was set forth, to guide the AOF committee which will negotiate the 1953-JDC understanding, as one of "expectation that the 1953 agreement will, for the first time, include Israeli ORT."

Emphasis throughout the convention on the importance of the Israel network was reflected in the concern, expressed by Julius Hochman for the Resolutions Committee: "There is immediate, great and pressing need for expansion of our work in Israel. Israel communities are demanding the opening of ORT schools, offering to build school quarters and partially to meet budget requirements."

The convention resolved to strain every effort to assure the fullest measure of assistance to Israel ORT. The ORT idea of "a productive Jew in a productive land" was adopted as the goal for Israel.

In the depressed conditions of half a million Jews living in Moslem lands,

the convention saw a responsibility which the American Jewish community must assume.

The Point Four and UN Technical Aid programs were given detailed attention. The stand taken by Senator Lehman for an enlarged role for voluntary agencies in all such international efforts was endorsed. The convention offered the "cumulative ORT experience of seven decades of vocational training" to governmental and non-governmental agencies engaged in such work.

The convention unanimously urged upon the U. S. Congress repeal of "the Walter-McCarran Anti-Immigration Act," and abolition of the repugnant and outmoded national quota system, replacing it with a humane immigration policy, compatible with America's world position.

The incoming leadership was instructed by the delegates to join the WOU in "requesting the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany to set aside funds" for ORT reconstruction work among the victims of Hitlerism. Taking note of the total of 10,000 recent immigrants to the United States, who have received train-

ing at the two trade schools operated in New York, the convention proposed to continue support to the schools so long as new Americans remain in need of the services. Thanks was expressed to Abraham C. Litton for devotion to the schools.

Other Resolutions

A standing vote of unanimous appreciation was tendered to Dr. Haber for his brilliant leadership. Other resolutions thanked the Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds for unstinting effort and generosity on behalf of Jewish causes; greeted the WOU, and its leadership, particularly Dr. Syngalowski, for tireless service in the cause of social reconstruction; noted the significant achievements of the outgoing Board of Directors; saluted the devotion and sincerity of all ORT organizations overseas; thanked the convention committee, sub-committees and office staff for assuring a successful convention; and the press, radio and television for presenting information to a wide public. A memorial statement recorded the grief and sorrow of ORT-ists at the loss of many outstanding leaders in recent years.

CONVENTION GREETINGS

On the occasion of your national convention, I wish to commend, on behalf of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, the splendid work ORT is doing in the field of economic rehabilitation. . . . Rehabilitation through training under ORT is restoring young men and women to a position of dignity and self-respect in the world community. There is perhaps no other agency in the world which is performing this type of human service. Every aid must be extended to ORT to implement its work and to enlarge its sphere of usefulness.

JACOB S. POTOFSKY
General President

Exceedingly regret inability personally to attend ORT Convention Dinner this evening. It is most fitting that ORT, dedicated to rehabilitation of human beings in transition, should honor and bestow its award to Senator Herbert Lehman, champion of freedom and human rights for all. The state, nation and the world have benefitted from his vision and humanitarianism and he is even now bringing to the fight against discrimination the full measure of his wisdom, experience and determination. In behalf of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union I send to ORT and its supporters best wishes. To your guest of honor I send warmest regards.

DAVID DUBINSKY
President

The vocational training activities of ORT throughout the free world are a source of deep satisfaction to those of us who are acquainted with your manifold achievements. . . . In increasing the level of productive skills, you are contributing to the economic progress of a large part of the free world and performing a vital role in the struggle to preserve the freedom and dignity of mankind.

IRVING M. IVES
United States Senate

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